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News and Views

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SUNDAY September 23, 2007
YOUTH GROUP 6:00 p.m.
CHAPTER MEETING 7:00 p.m.
Unitarian Church
555 E Street, Idaho Falls

We will select the future Chapter meeting dates at the September Chapter meeting. Please come and bring any suggestions for future programs and events. PFLAG needs your input & participation!

SHOULD WE CHANGE DATE FOR OUR CHAPTER MEETINGS?

Attendance at our Chapter meetings has been down and a suggestion was made to change our meeting dates from the fourth Sunday of every month to the first Sunday. After looking at the holiday dates during the year it appears that the third Sunday of every month would miss the majority of the holiday weekends. Meetings currently conflict with holidays a number of times during the year. We want to revitalize attendance and participation so are evaluating a change in the meeting date. We will discuss this proposal at the September meeting and a decision will be made at that time.

OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING

A fun evening is being planned for the October

PSupport Network:

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WEBSITE FOR OUR PFLAG CHAPTER HAS BEEN CHANGED TO IFPFLAG.COM

Due to problems with the host and the owner of the original domain name we changed to a new host and changed our domain name to www.ifpflag.com. We now own our domain name, unlike before, so problems with the site going down without warning should be eliminated. The owner of our old .org site apparently sold it to a company who is selling flags.

THE ANNUAL EASTERN IDAHO PFLAG PICNIC WAS HELD ON AUGUST 19TH

Fifty people attended the annual picnic at Sealander Park near Idaho Falls on August 19th. The weather cooperated and as my 4 year old grandson said "didn't we have so much fun!." Thanks to Cindy for bringing the water balloon game!

JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING PFLAG CHAPTER.

The Jackson Wyoming PFLAG Chapter meets monthly on the third Monday evening at St. John's House, which is part of St. John's Episcopal Church. The entrance is on Glenwood. You are welcome to be in touch if you have questions. The meeting runs from 7 -8:30 PM. (Jackson PFLAG, Mark Houser, P.O. Box 2683, Jackson, WY 83001). Phone 307-733-8349 or e-mail at: JacksonPFLAG@yahoo.com
Jackson website www.jacksonPFLAG.com

HIV / AIDS SUPPORT GROUP STARTED AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH IN IDAHO FALLS

A new support group for people living with HIV / AIDS has been started in Idaho Falls. Meetings will be held on Monday evenings starting at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Unitarian Church in Idaho Falls. The address for the church is 555 E Street, Idaho Falls, 83402. For more information you can call the church office at 522-8269.

IT IS CHAPTER DUES TIME AGAIN!

The annual dues for our Chapter are \$25 and includes \$15 for membership in the National PFLAG organization. You can pay dues at any Chapter meeting or mail to the Post Office box 52242, Idaho Falls, ID 83405. Dues scholarships are available for anyone living on a limited budget but would still like to be included as a member of PFLAG.

POCATELLO AND IDAHO FALLS PFLAG CHAPTERS SHARED A BOOTH AT PRIDAHO

PrIdaho was again held in Pocatello at Ross Park on August 17th through August 19th. Our PFLAG Chapter and the Pocatello PFLAG Chapter shared a booth at PrIdaho on Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. both chapters were given the opportunity to speak from the stage. Two members from the Pocatello Chapter and Wayne from the Idaho Falls Chapter spoke to the crowd about PFLAG.

GENESIS PROJECT HAS A COFFEE NIGHT IN IDAHO FALLS

The Genesis Project from Idaho State University is holding a coffee night on the last Tuesday of each month in Idaho Falls. Meet from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Villa Coffee House, 344 Park Avenue in Idaho Falls. An evening for gay, bi & curious guys to get together to socialize, meet other guys and have a free drink. The sign on the front door may say closed but the door will be open

CALIFORNIA SENATE OK'S SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BILL....Advocate.com Sept. 8, 2007

By a strong 22–15 vote, the California senate on Friday (Sept 7th) sent a marriage equality bill to the desk of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who pledged this year that he would veto such legislation. The bill passed the state assembly in June with one vote to spare.... This is the second time in just under two years that the California legislature has passed a bill that opens the doors to legal marriage for all couples, gay or straight. Schwarzenegger vetoed the first effort in 2005, citing the results of a 2000 California voter referendum on marriage. At that time, Schwarzenegger, a moderate Republican, said that the definition of marriage in the state should be determined by the voters or the state supreme court. This time around, the governor's spokesman, Aaron McLear, says that while the governor has not taken a flat position, he still intends to respect the results of the 2000 referendum, the Associated Press reported. In that vote, roughly 60% of the electorate voted to ban the recognition of same-sex marriages from out of state. In February, when the marriage bill once again loomed on the horizon, Schwarzenegger pledged a veto "because the people of California have voted on that issue." The passage of the marriage bill in 2005 was a historic breakthrough, the first time any state legislature had voted for marriage equality.

PFLAG MISSION STATEMENT

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered persons, and their families and friends, through support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

NATIONAL PFLAG CONFERENCE SET FOR OCTOBER 11-14, 2007 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The theme for this conference is "Family Voices Moving Equality Forward." For complete information about the conference, or to register to attend, go to www.pflag.org The conference will include more than 50 dynamic workshops and training sessions—Discover the best practices to grow your membership, involve more volunteers, recharge your work, learn about new issues and strategies, and expand your horizons with sessions presented by experts in their fields! The conference will be held at the Hilton McLean Tyson's Corner Hotel. Special conference rates will beat any hotel rate in the Washington, D.C area. Be there for all the action by staying on-site at the official Convention hotel for only \$109 per night whether single, double, triple or quad room, plus tax. Free parking is included. Take advantage of this discount rate!

SERVICEMEMBERS LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK ADDS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...Advocate.com Sept. 8, 2007

Former congressional staff leader and government relations executive Aubrey Sarvis will become the next executive director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, the organization announced Wednesday. Sarvis will assume the role October 1....Founded in 1993, the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network is a national nonprofit agency that offers advocacy and legal services to LGBT military personnel. The group also aims to put and end to discrimination and harassment caused by the government's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.... A U.S. Army veteran who enlisted at age 17, Sarvis served more than three years of active duty, including 13 months in South Korea. From 1977 to 1983, Sarvis worked as staff director and chief counsel of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. He also managed public policy and legislative operations for Verizon as an executive vice president between 1984 and 1998.

POCATELLO PFLAG MEETING DATES HAVE BEEN CHANGED

The Pocatello PFLAG Chapter meetings have been changed to the 2nd Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be on Sunday, October 14th at 5:00 PM. at the Congregational Church, 309 N. Garfield. Please bring a potluck dish to share. The potluck starts at 5 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6 p.m. For more information call Tonya at 604-2245.

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